

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 18, 2008, Applicant elects claims 1-28 (Group I) drawn to a process for the production of synthetic gas comprising carbon monoxide and molecular hydrogen, which employs a heat exchange reformer to produce a heat exchange-reformed syngas product, wherein at least a portion of the heat required in the generation of said heat exchange-reformed syngas product is obtained by recovering heat from said reacted syngas product thereby cooling said syngas.

Applicant respectfully cancels claims 29, 31 and 33-42 (Groups II and III) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

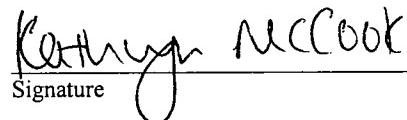
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